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SUBJECT: PROPOSED U.S. VISIT OF CZECHOSLOVAK EXPERTS ON
NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL POWER AND METALLURGY

REFS: PRAGUE 0148; PRAGUE 0350

1. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES CURRENT BILATERAL CLIMATE MAKES
INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE TIME BEING ANY POSITIVE REPLY TO THE
CZECHOSLOVAK PROPOSAL TO SEND A TEAM TO US TO VISIT FIRMS
IN ENERGY AND METALLURGICAL AREAS. NEVERTHELESS, DEPART-
MENT WISHES TO PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH ITS VIEWS (WHICH HAVE
BEEN COORDINATED WITH DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE) ON POSSIBLE
AVENUES OF COOPERATION WHICH EMBASSY COULD DRAW ON AT
APPROPRIATE FUTURE OCCASION IN RESPONDING TO PROPOSAL FROM
VITKOVICE OFFICIAL.

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2. DEPARTMENT UNWILLING TO PROVIDE ANY ENCOURAGEMENT OF
US/CZECHOSLOVAK COOPERATION IN AREA OF NUCLEAR POWER GENERA-
TION TECHNOLOGY AND THUS WISHES TO EXCLUDE FROM DISCUSSION
OF POSSIBLE ITINERARY ANY VISITS TO PLANTS ENGAGED IN PRO-
DUCTION OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS AND COMPONENTS. WHILE WE
REALIZE THAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA MAY INDEED HAVE SOMETHING TO
OFFER IN RETURN FOR US COOPERATION IN THIS FIELD, WE BELIEVE

IT UNWISE TO INITIATE SUCH POLITICALLY SENSITIVE COOPERATION AT THIS TIME.

3. WITH REGARD TO VISITS TO US FIRMS PRODUCING CONVENTIONAL POWER GENERATION EQUIPMENT AND METALLURGICAL PROCESSING EQUIPMENT, DEPARTMENT IS NOT OPPOSED IN PRINCIPLE BUT WOULD WANT TO REVIEW WITH COMMERCE THE SPECIFIC CZECHOSLOVAK REQUESTS, PARTICULARLY FOR VISITS TO GAS TURBINE PLANTS AND COMPANIES MANUFACTURING SUPER ALLOYS AND REFRACTORY ALLOYS. EMBASSY COULD INDICATE TO GOC OFFICIALS THAT BY REVIEWING FULL PROGRAM IN ADVANCE, WE WOULD HOPE TO AVOID MUTUALLY DISADVANTAGEOUS SITUATION IN WHICH ALREADY ARRANGED VISIT HAS TO BE CANCELLED.

4. FOR THE PRESENT, DEPARTMENT WOULD PREFER THAT EMBASSY REFRAIN FROM REPLYING TO VITKOVICE PROPOSAL, AND IF QUERIED, THAT EMBASSY INDICATE THAT IT WOULD BE INOPPORTUNE TO DISCUSS VISIT AT THIS TIME. EMBASSY SHOULD CHECK WITH DEPARTMENT BEFORE RAISING MATTER WITH GOC OFFICIALS.

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